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Computers in the Library's Reading Room

Computers to search the **journal literature**, **molecular sequence data**, and a few **reference**



books are located in the Library's upper level to the left of the Reference Collection. They are for use by NIH staff only; NIH employees are prompted for their Institute affiliation before access is possible.

Available computerized indexes include all the National Library of Medicine files accessed through **Grateful Med**, **Science Citation Index**, **Psychological Abstracts**, **Current Contents**, **Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature**, and **Entrez** (a molecular

sequence retrieval system). In addition, the index to **Scientific American** can be searched.

Grateful Med assists in searching **Medline**, the bibliographic file containing descriptions, often with the authors' abstract, of the biomedical literature back to 1966. **Bio-**

ethicsline, indexing publications on bioethics from the biomedical, legal and popular literature, **Toxline**, **Cancerline**, **AIDSline**, a chemical dictionary called **Chemline**, a book catalog called **Catline**, and a periodical list called **Serline** are among the other databases available through Grateful Med.

Two computer searchable **reference books** are included on the reading room computers as well. They are **PDR** and the **Merck Manual**.

Retracted Publications

To assist the NIH investigator in obtaining accurate information, staff of the Technical Services Section (TSS) of the Library monitor for retractions the literature indexed in Medline. When a retracted article is identified, TSS marks the first page of those owned by the Library as such. 230 articles from 1966 to the present have been identified and marked to date.

Medline Searching In 1995

Searching Medline through Grateful Med changed slightly on December 12, 1994. Medline files were updated for **1995** on this date.

How will this affect searches?

For **IBM/DOS Grateful Med** searches, the default years searched (noted in the upper right corner) will be 1992–1995, instead of 1991–1994. A new backfile for 1990–1991 has been created, and the next searchable time segment is 1985–1989. All other year groupings remain the same.

MacIntosh Grateful Med searches of Medline will be adapted to the new time segments, too. However, the list found under "older Medline" will not change for the moment. Selections of old time segment labels will automatically be mapped to the new groupings of years searched. The default current search will cover 1992–1995; a selection of 1989–1990 will search 1990–1991, and so on.

For those who search directly using command language, listed below are the **new 1995 time segments (files)**, their aliases, and the years covered by each.

File	Aliases	Coverage
medline	med	1992–1995
med90	m90,back90,b90	1990–1991
med85	m85,back85,b85	1985–1989
med80	m80,back80,b80	1980–1984
med75	m75,back75,b75	1975–1979
med66	m66,back66,b66	1966–1974

NIH Library Instruction

Winter 1995

The NIH Library offers drop-in sessions to NIH staff on a variety of literature resources and related search software. In 1995 a number of new presentations beyond introductory Grateful Med, and command language searching of Medline are offered.

One such class is **Grateful Med: Beyond the Basics of Searching**. Beyond the basics will include tips such as how to enter more than one

author's name in a search, or to limit your search by publication type. It will also demonstrate how to **print** or **save** your results, and **order documents** using Loansome Doc.

Another session entitled **Using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) to Search Medline with Grateful Med** will demonstrate the use of descriptors (**Medical Subject Headings** referred to as **MeSH**) to **improve** the **relevance** of the **references** retrieved

in a search of Medline. Topics to be covered include the use of the "explode" function with the insertion of the plus "+" in front of a selected MeSH term, and designation of a subject as the primary topical focus of a referenced article with the use of the asterisk "*".

Below is a calendar of those scheduled in January and the first half of February.

January

- 19** Introduction to Medline Searching Using Grateful Med (Mac)
Noon
- 23** Introduction to Medline searching Using Grateful Med (DOS)
Noon
- 26** Grateful Med (DOS)—Beyond the Basics
Noon

- 30** Network Access to the New England Journal (Full-Text)
Noon

February

- 2** Introduction to Medline Searching Using Command Language
Noon
- 6** Using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) to Search Medline with Grateful Med
Noon

- 13** Using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) to Search Medline with Command Language
Noon
- 16** Surfing the Net with Veronica (Key Word Search of Network Resources)
Noon

All sessions are held in the NIH Library, Building 10, Lower Level Training Room. Please call 496-1156 for more information.

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